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Dear Sirs:

I am concerned about the proposed rules to ban the use of poultry litter as a feed supplement for cattle. I feel the advantages of using the poultry litter outweigh any disadvantages. An outright ban of its use will create economic hardship and also contribute to the problem of disposing of the litter.

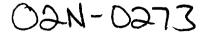
Of course, we are certainly concerned abut animal diseases and suggest that instead of totally banning litter as a feed supplement, that the <u>dangerous</u> materials be banned.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely, Tike Ross

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